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FALL MEETING, SOUTHERN SECTION, A.I.M.E.

The fall meeting of the Southern California Section of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers will be held at the Elks Club, 607 So. Park View, Los Angeles, October 20-21. There will be a Petroleum Division luncheon at the Town House, 2961 Wilshire Blvd., on Thursday October 20th and an All-Division luncheon at the same location, Friday the 21st. The Industrial Minerals Division will meet on the 21st; the Mining and Milling Division on the 20th; and the Petroleum and Metals Divisions on both days. William Ver Planck, staff geologist and mining engineer of the State Division of Mines will present a paper on gypsite. Other topics in the Industrial Minerals Division will include fissionable materials, pyrophyllite, South African asbestos, and barium and potash prospecting methods.

AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS CONVENTION

The Western Division of the American Mining Congress will hold its 1949 Metal Mining Convention at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Washington, September 26-28. Eight field trips have been scheduled for September 29-30, immediately following the convention. These will include two through various parts of the Coeur d'Alene mining district, Grand Coulee Dam, Trail, British Columbia, etc. The convention program covers all phases of the metal mining industry. Entertainment and trip tickets may be obtained in advance by addressing the American Mining Congress at the Davenport Hotel.

ANNUAL MEETING GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The sixty-second annual meeting of the Geological Society of America will take place at the Cortez Hotel (and adjacent hotels), El Paso, Texas, November 10-12. A large number of papers will be read including a group of seven on Arizona structure. Lauren A. Wright, staff geologist of the State Division of Mines, will present a paper on the "Geology of the Silver Lake Talc-Bearing Area, San Bernardino County, California."

PACIFIC CHEMICAL EXPOSITION

The California Section of the American Chemical Society will open its 1949 Pacific Chemical Exposition at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium, November 1. The exposition will run five days from Tuesday November 1 to Saturday November 5. Running concurrently with the exposition will be a series of industrial conferences of the society including meetings of affiliated organizations. The Petroleum Division of the A.I.M.E. will meet with the Petroleum Division of the American Chemical Society on Tuesday November 1, in Larkin Hall. The State Division of Mines will maintain a booth and exhibit at the exposition featuring industrial minerals, maps, and publications.